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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN

SUBJECT: TAX CONVENTION

AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE EXPLORATORY TALKS ON AN INCOME TAX CONVENTION WERE HELD IN SINGAPORE IN 1972, AT WHICH TIME IT APPEARED THAT AN AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED BECAUSE OF SINGAPORE INSISTENCE THAT U.S. GRANT TAX INDUCEMENTS TO INVESTMENT. SUCH INDUCEMENTS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REJECTED BY THE SENATE SEVERAL TIMES AND THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT AGREE TO THE SINGAPORE POSITION.

INFORMAL CORRESPONDENCE IN THE PAST YEAR BETWEEN NATHAN N. GORDON, TREASURY AND MR. PARAM SINGH BAL, IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, HAS LED TO A PROPOSAL FROM HO BENG HUAT THAT PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH. SINCE THAT COINCIDES WITH A PARIS MEETING OF THE OECD FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WE PROPOSE THAT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN ON MARCH 11 IN SINGAPORE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMATION THAT THIS DATE ACCEPTABLE TO SINGAPORE. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FAR EAST. COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

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AND ETA TO BE SUPPLIED LATER. IF PROPOSED DATE IS ACCEPTABLE,

EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE TENTATIVE HOTEL RESERVATIONS  
FOR 4 BEGINNING MARCH 10. KISSINGER

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